

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMEMBERING NORMAN BORLAUG

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my most sincere condolence to the family, friends and colleagues of Norman E. Borlaug—the Father of “Green Revolution.” Dr. Norman Borlaug applied scientific innovation, compassion for the poor and expert knowledge of agricultural practices to develop and introduce groundbreaking technologies that will forever change the prospects of the hungry and impoverished around the globe.

Borlaug’s development of high-yield and disease-resistant wheat varieties bore results in Mexico, Pakistan and India that stretched the imagination of viable agriculture in developing countries. Recently, Borlaug worked to apply farming practices and methods of increasing food production to Asia and Africa and has continued to advocate the use of biotechnology to combat world famine.

World leaders will honor and continue his legacy by further applying his practices and technologies to future agriculture and food production. Dr. Borlaug has been an example for so many of us who see the hope and promise the science of biotechnology holds.

Farmers who can produce greater yields with less through agriculture biotechnology applications

ving Saunders and carried him away from the burning aircraft, the burning pools of gasoline, and the random detonation of .50 caliber ammunition as it “cooked off” from the Corsair’s burning ammunition supply. Corporal Buss carried Staff Sergeant Saunders to safety, rendered first aid to him, and facilitated his evacuation to a hospital where he was treated for life threatening third degree burns over an estimated forty percent of his body. We recognize Corporal Vernon Robert Buss for his fearless personal initiative, professional dedication and sagacious bravery on 24 January 1945. His actions reflect the meritorious credit upon his person and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

On behalf of the people of the United States, Congressman DARRELL E. ISSA, Major General Michael R. Lehnert, Commanding General Marine Corps Installations West, and all veterans who have served with courage and honor, we commemorate your service.

CONGRATULATING DAVID CAREY, RECIPIENT OF ROBERT WOODS JOHNSON COMMUNITY LEADER AWARD

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate David Carey on being honored with the Robert Woods Johnson Community Leader Award. David is currently the Human Services Co-op Board Chair of Inspire, an organization that aims to empower individuals with disabilities to direct and control their own services in a way that promotes community life.

David’s journey began in 1988. One evening, as his roommate and a friend were examining a gun, it went off, shooting a bullet into his spine as he slept. In just moments, he went from dreaming of becoming a professional baseball player to facing the rest of his life with quadriplegia. While this sudden change of circumstance would deter many people, David redirected his energy to help other people with disabilities.

Today, David’s leadership impacts the lives of over 500,000 people with disabilities in the Phoenix area. Since 2006, when he led a group of individuals to create Inspire, David has secured long term contracts to provide attendant care services and ensure that individuals across Arizona receive the quality of care they deserve. He has also worked with local transit authorities to create accessible public transportation throughout the Valley of the Sun.

When I was an Arizona State Senator, David would come to my office to lobby on disability issues. It did not make any difference how hot it was outside; David put in the effort and make his way to the State Capitol, usually

on public transportation. I was impressed with him then, and continue to be impressed with his accomplishments now.

The Robert Woods Johnson Foundation Community Health Leaders program each year honors 10 outstanding and otherwise unrecognized individuals who overcome daunting odds to improve health and health care, especially to underserved populations in communities across the United States. The program elevates the work of these unsung heroes, like David, through enhanced recognition, technical assistance and new leadership opportunities. I know he will use these new resources to improve the lives of Arizonans with disabilities.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating David Carey on being honored with the Robert Woods Johnson Community Leader Award. His dedication to creating better communities is an example for us all.

RECOGNIZING 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Mr. SOUDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res 556 recognizing the 75th Anniversary of the Federal Credit Union Act and to acknowledge the great work of credit unions throughout the Third Congressional District.

Indiana has a long history with credit unions and in fact, was the first Midwestern state to pass a law permitting their founding. In October of 1923, the first credit union in the Midwest opened its doors in Indiana. Today there are 206 credit unions throughout my state that count over 2 million Indiana residents among its members.

The Federal Credit Union Act of 1934 was originally passed, in part, to help make credit available to underserved communities. These financial cooperatives were organized by people primarily tied together by some common bond. Today, credit unions continue to provide unique services to both their members and communities.

The Chiphone Federal Credit Union of Elkhart, IN has been providing service since 1947 and today has over 17,000 members. They have strong ties to the community and received honorable mention from the Indiana Credit Union League in both the Dora Maxwell Awards and Louise Herring Awards which recognize outstanding efforts in social responsibility and community service and the credit union that best puts the credit union philosophy in action respectively.

In Auburn Indiana, DeKalb Financial Credit Union provides both superior financial service and to support local charities through service activities and donations. The Relay for Life, March of Dimes and WFGA Kite Fly have all

A TRIBUTE TO MR. VERNON R. BUSS

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual who selflessly risked his life to save the life of a terribly injured Marine, former Staff Sergeant Irving Saunders. Our country has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated Marines who willingly and unselfishly risk their lives to keep our country safe.

We recognize Vernon R. Buss for his meritorious actions on the Guiana Airstrip, Samar Island, Republic of the Philippines on the 24 January 1945, while serving as a ground maintenance mechanic, aircraft wing. On this day while performing maintenance duties in connection with operation against Japanese forces in the Philippines, Corporal Vernon Robert Buss, United States Marine, put the life of another Marine over his own. While assisting in the rescue attempt of a crashed aircraft and its crew, Corporal Buss singlehandedly extracted the unconscious and burning body of Staff Sergeant Irving Saunders from the wreckage of a burning F4-U Corsair. With total disregard for his own safety, Corporal Buss rushed to the side of Staff Sergeant Ir-

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